

Calhoun County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2014

Board of Health

Dr. Mahesh Karamchandani, Chairperson
Mary Jo Byrne
Amy Davis
Kathy-Sue Dunn, County Commissioner
Rick Tsoumas

Health Department

Alberta Griffin
Deb Metzgar
James Rutherford, Health Officer

County Administration

Kelli Scott

Other

Rick Hensley (BOH member July 2014)

Absent

Nancy Mullett, Vice Chairperson
Ronnie Sims

Meeting called to order

Karamchandani called the meeting to order at 8 am.

Agenda

Tsoumas motioned for agenda approval. Dunn seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Consent Agenda

Dunn motioned for approval of the consent agenda, Tsoumas seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Public Comment

No public comment

Presentation

Alberta Griffin presented the County Health Rankings and Roadmaps report. Key points of the presentation included:

- Data used for this report are classified as either Health Factors or Health Outcomes.
- Health Factors are future based, forecasted data.
- Health Outcomes are based on actual data from past years as old as 2005 up through 2012.
- Results of CCPHD programs in place for the past two years are not reflected in this report.
- Calhoun County has scored well in Health Factors affecting Clinical Care such as: uninsured, primary care physicians, and mammography screening.

Discussion occurred regarding the fact that a lot of the data used for this report are based on things that the CCPHD has no control over, such as education, employment, and income. These are community issues. The CCPHD needs to liaise with others in the community to get everyone working on these issues. The CCPHD has however targeted some specific areas such as Maternal and Infant Health, and the Fetal Infant Mortality Rate has come down in recent years.

Health Officer Report

Rutherford presented the Health Officer Report. Items highlighted included:

- The Medical Examiner Body Transport contract has been awarded to Daniel Body Transport in Kalamazoo, effective July 1, 2014. A mid-year presentation regarding the Medical Examiner Program will be done for the Board of Commissioners. The presentation will also be done for the Board of Health. Starting on July 1, 2014 bodies will be transported to WMed for autopsies. There will be an open house at WMed in September. An invitation to the open house will be forwarded to all BOH members.
- The Albion Access to Care Initiative group continues to meet. The cost for Michigan Public Health Institute to assess the needs in Albion was higher than anticipated at \$50,000.

Question was posed as to why we need to do an assessment in Albion since we recently did a county-wide Needs Assessment. It was suggested that the money would be better used to hire a part time Nurse Practitioner for the Albion clinic. Discussion occurred regarding a Plan B. Plan B is to pursue relocating the CCPHD clinic to a space that allows for possible future expansion. It was suggested that the biggest problem in Albion is a service provider for Medicaid patients, which will continue to grow as Medicaid expands in Michigan.

By-Laws

By-laws will be discussed at next month's meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

For a copy of the presentation or the Health Officer report, please contact Deb Metzgar at 269-969-6463 or via email at dmetzgar@calhouncountymi.gov